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Agent Howard, U.S. Secret Service Dallas. This recording made in regard to the assassination of President John Kennedy. Investigation being made by the Dallas office. This recording is being made at the Inn of the Six Flags in Texas where Mrs. Oswald is being held by Agents Howard and Charles Kunkel of the Dallas office. This recording is being made in Russian. Our translator is Mr. Peter Gregory, interpreter from Fort Worth, Texas.

- (Q) OK, Mr. Gregory, would you ask her what her name is? Ask her what her date of birth is? Where were you born?
- (A) She was born in Sevrodysk (phonetic), Ark Angel District, July 17, 1941.
- (Q) How long did she live there?
- (A) She said that she was born in that city. She does not know how long she lived there. She does not remember. She was a little baby then.
- (Q) Where did she go to school?
- (A) She said that she continued her education in Moldavia and after that she returned with her parents to Leningrad in 1951.
- (Q) Do you remember the school that you attended?
- (A) Leningrad.
- (Q) Did you attend college?
- (A) After she graduated from Middle School - after she finished Middle School, equivalent to our high school, she attended a pharmaceutical school or a school for pharmacists. She is a graduate pharmacist and she worked in a drug store.
- (Q) You know what college you graduated from? What is the name of it?
- (A) She did not go to a college after high school. She went to a pharmaceutical or a school for pharmacists and she is a trained pharmacist.

- (Q) Where are her parents now living?
- (A) She does not have parents. They are dead.
- (Q) Where were they at when they died?
- (A) Her mother died in Leningrad and she does not know where her father died.
- (Q) But she does know that he is deceased?
- (A) She knows.
- (Q) How do you know?
- (A) Her mother told her that her father died.
- (Q) Your mother died in 1951?
- (A) Her mother died in 1954 or 1955.
- (Q) Do you have any relatives living here in the United States?
- (A) Yes, the mother of her husband and the brother of her deceased husband. His name is Robert Oswald.
- (Q) Are these all the relatives you have living here in the United States?
- (A) These are all the relatives that she knows of. There may be others with whom she is not acquainted.
- (Q) Do you have relatives living in Russia or other Communist territory?
- (A) She says she has many relatives that live in the Soviet Union. Sisters of her mother and the brother of her mother and their families.
- (Q) Do you have any relatives in the Russian military or any Communist military?

- (A) The brother of her mother is an engineer who graduated from civil engineering in construction but after the war he remained in the military service.
- (Q) What is his rating?
- (A) Either Lieutenant Colonel or Colonel.
- (Q) And to the best of your knowledge he is still in the military?
- (A) He is at an age where he could retire and receive pension but to the best of her knowledge he is still on active duty in the military.
- (Q) You heard from him lately in the form of writing or any communication with him?
- (A) He is not in the habit of writing and he never writes to her but her aunt, his wife, she writes instead of him and she writes for the entire family and she added that everything is just fine there.
- (Q) Do you recall the last letter, when it was you last heard from them?
- (A) It would be very difficult to remember when last time I heard from them.
- (Q) About when?
- (A) When I was pregnant.
- (Q) Prior to this year?
- (A) No, no, no. The last letter was written at the time of his birthday.
- (Q) His birthday?
- (A) No, her birthday, on February 23.
- (Q) Of this year?
- (A) Yes, in 1963.

(Q) Do you correspond with any other relatives that are not living in the United States?

(A) She corresponds with her half sister.

NOTE: Mr. Gregory did not translate - "after her second marriage."

(Q) What is her name?

(A) She lives in Leningrad. Her name is Tynia Medvedeva.

(Q) Do you correspond regularly with her?

(A) They do not correspond regularly. Her youngest sister is in school now and she writes very seldom.

(Q) All right, when did you first meet your husband? What is his full name?

(A) Lee Harvey Oswald. She said she met him for the first time in March or April 1961.

(Q) And where was this?

(A) She met him at a youth meeting in Minsk, but she says at a dance in Minsk.

(Q) How did this meeting come about? Someone introduce you to him?

(A) She was introduced to Lee Oswald at the dance.

(Q) When did it take place?

(A) In Minsk, she was introduced to him at the dance by a friend of his who was studying in college medicine.

(Q) Where was it at?

(A) In the Institute of Medicine in Minsk.

(Q) Do you have this friend's name?

(A) His first name is "Yura" but she does not remember his last name. Several young men came to her and simply said, "Here, this is Lee Oswald." He invited her to dance and at that time she did not know whether he was an American or what.

(Q) Did Lee Oswald ask you for a dance or invite you to dance?

(A) After he was introduced to her he asked her to dance.

(Q) Did you know he was an American?

(A) No.

(Q) Did you know any background about him at the time of this meeting?

(A) When he was taking her home after the dance she asked him what his nationality was because he did not speak Russian very well and she thought that perhaps he came from some region of the Soviet Union. He had an accent as if he was a resident of the Baltic region of the Soviet Union.

(Q) Where were you living at at this time?

(A) She said she lived with her uncle which she related previously - the Colonel.

(Q) The uncle who is in the Soviet military?

(A) Yes. After she finished the college of pharmacy in Leningrad, she went to Minsk and there she lived with her uncle, the Colonel.

(Q) Do you remember what date this was when you first met him - Lee Harvey?

(A) She said she met him approximately the 5th of March, 1961.

NOTE: First she says in April then she corrects herself to 5th of March, 1961.)

- (C) Did you ask him any questions? Did you ask him where he lived or what part of the country he was from?
- (A) She says no. At that time, because they were among other friends and she did not have time to ask him about it.
- (Q) When was the next occasion that you had to meet Lee Harvey? About when was it?
- (A) She said that when he took her home from that particular dance, the first meeting, when they were going home, she and Lee and other young people, he asked her if he could see her again and she said yes, that she would come back to the same place where they had been dancing.
- (Q) When you say other people, were these people known that were with you on this date? Were they known to Lee Harvey or just to you?
- (A) He knew one of them quite well but not all of them and she does not remember the name of the man whom he knew and who invited him to come to the dance.
- (Q) Was he an American, this other party that Lee Harvey knew, or was he from some other country?
- (A) She said he was a Russian and he was a ^{CO} ~~coal~~ worker with Lee at the plant manufacturing radios.
- (Q) Where was this plant located?
- (A) In Minsk.
- (Q) All right, I asked you awhile ago when did the next meeting come about between yourself and Lee Harvey?
- (A) She says the next time she saw him was at a dance at the same place sometime later.
- (Q) Same place where she met him?
- (A) Yes, and she was waiting for him there.

- (Q) In terms of time, about how long was this after the first meeting?
- (A) More than one week.
- (Q) Did you find out anything about his background on this meeting, on this second meeting?
- (A) She said that she already knew that he was an American, that he was employed at the radio factory, and that he was studying Russian.
- (Q) How did she find out this information?
- (A) From him during the second meeting.
- (Q) From the second meeting, did you have other meetings with him?
- (A) She says that they had another date for a Friday, but he could not keep the date because on a Thursday he became ill and he had to go to the hospital. He called her from the hospital and asked her to come see him there.
- (Q) Did you go and see him at the hospital?
- (A) Yes. She went to see him at the hospital on Sunday. He had an earache or he had trouble with his ears.
- (Q) Did you ever ask him what he was doing in Russia or what his reason was for being in Russia?

NOTE: In answering, the subject understood the Agent before translator had chance to translate the last few words.)

- (A) Yes, she said she asked him and he replied that he came there as a tourist and decided to remain there. At first he lived in Moscow and later he was sent to Minsk where he got a job at the radio manufacturing plant.
- (Q) Did you know him prior to Lee's going to Moscow?
- (A) No, she did not know him.

(Q) What kind of factory did she say Lee worked in?

(A) In a radio manufacturing plant.

(Q) He said that he was studying Russian?

(A) When he first came to Moscow he spoke no Russian and since he had quite a bit of time there, he purchased a Russian textbook and he studied it. When he got to Minsk and when he obtained a job, he had to be able to speak Russian and he did speak some Russian. He studied grammar and writing but at first he was unable to speak Russian fluently.

(Q) Well, while he was studying Russian, was it at a language school or was he just studying out of a book when she heard of him studying Russian?

(A) He was studying Russian from textbooks - English-Russian textbooks. He did not attend the school.

(Q) Did he attend any school?

(A) In Minsk he had some acquaintances, some of them in the Institute of Foreign Languages and they helped him with the Russian language. They speak English and they helped him with his Russian. He helped them to speak English correctly and in return they taught him how to speak Russian.

(Q) Where was he living during this time?

(A) He lived in a house owned by the factory. The house or dormitory built for the employees of the plant.

(Q) Did you have several meetings with Lee or several dates with Lee before he married?

(A) Yes, they had many dates; however, she spent a lot of time in the hospital and while in the hospital he asked her to consider that they were engaged and that she should have no dates with young men, and after he left the hospital they were meeting each other very often and finally they got married. They got married on April 30, 1961.

- (Q) Why was he in the hospital?
- (A) He had trouble with his ears.
- (Q) Did Lee attend any type of meetings while he was living there or did he belong to any organizations or receive any type of special training?
- (A) She says he did not like meetings and if he attended any he would try to get home as soon as possible. He did not like to linger at these meetings. He was rather self-contained. He was not an extrovert.
- (Q) Do you know the name of any of these organizations or the meetings he was attending?
- (A) The only meetings that he attended she knows of were, say the May 1st or March 8th, which is Woman's Day, or May 1st and also those at the plant or November 7th at the plant.
- (Q) What was the November 7th?
- (A) The day of revolution in Russia.
- (Q) Was he a member of any organization or committee?
- (A) She said he did not belong to any organization except a hunter's club.
- (Q) After you married Harvey, where did you and Harvey maintain your address or residence?
- (A) 24 Kalinia - Kalinia 4, Apartment 24, now they call Communist Street.
- (Q) In what town?
- (A) Minsk.
- (Q) Did Lee ever tell you why he visited Moscow or what his purpose was in going there?
- (A) She said that the reason that Lee went to Moscow from Minsk was because he wanted to return to his native country.

- (Q) To the United States?
- (A) Yes. On several occasions he wrote in this regard but never received any replies and that's why he decided to make a trip to Moscow from Minsk.
- (Q) When did you return to the United States with Lee?
- (A) June 13, 1962.
- (Q) Did Lee ever meet your uncle who is in the Soviet military? Did Lee ever meet him?
- (A) Yes, he met him because at that time she lived with her uncle in Minsk and she had to obtain his permission to marry Lee and he had no objection to it as long as it makes her happy. She said that he could not forbid her and if it was her choice it was all right with him.
- (Q) Did Lee ever express any likes or dislikes for the United States?
- (A) She said she thinks that he was lonesome for his native country and that he wanted to return here. He was always afraid of cold in winter.
- (Q) Did he express any dislikes for the United States?
- (A) She says I don't think so. She didn't think he felt that way toward his country.
- (Q) Did he have any preferences to maybe - did he like Russia better than the United States?
- (A) She said he looked at things objectively. He may have liked something better in the Soviet Union and other things in the United States. For example, he liked the fact that in the Soviet Union one always has a job while in the United States that is not always the case.
- (Q) Did he ever criticize the governmental structure of the United States?

- (A) She said she does not know anything about politics so he may have criticized in his own mind but never expressed his feelings to her. For example, she says he never said anything bad against President Kennedy.

NOTE: (Right now, Mr. Gregory is warning her not to worry, that it would not go in any newspapers, that it is only for their information.)

- (Q) What port did you and Lee enter the United States and what is the name of the port?

(A) New York.

- (Q) New York, and from New York - did you set up residence in New York or what state did you go to?

(A) She said they spent approximately one day in New York in a hotel. Then they purchased airplane tickets and flew to Dallas and from there they came to Fort Worth.

- (Q) Did you or Lee contact anybody in New York?

(A) They only contacted an organization which helped them to get the tickets to Dallas and Fort Worth.

- (Q) Do you know the name of the organization?

(A) She said no, she does not remember because she did not speak English.

- (Q) And you came from New York to where?

(A) They came directly to Fort Worth and Robert met them - they came directly to Dallas and Robert met them there and brought them to Fort Worth.

- (Q) Is Robert her brother? Is Robert Lee Harvey's brother?

(A) Robert Oswald, yes.

- (Q) And where did you establish residence at in Fort Worth.

- (A) She said she does not know but she suggests that we ask Robert.
- (Q) Was this some kind of welfare organization from New York that helped them to get here?
- (A) She said she does not know what kind of organization it was. She stayed in the hotel with her baby while - and she could not speak the English language.
- (Q) But you did establish a residence in Fort Worth?
- (A) Yes, with Lee's brother Robert.
- (Q) Did Lee obtain a job in Fort Worth? What kind of work did he do?

NOTE: In her answer to Mr. Gregory, she said that he was working as a carpenter and "you remember". In answer to Agent, Mr. Gregory said: "She said that at first he worked as an ordinary sheet metal worker."

- (Q) Do you know where he worked at?
- (A) No.
- (Q) Was this the only job that Lee had while he was in Fort Worth?
- (A) Yes.
- (Q) Did you attend any type of school while you were living in Fort Worth? Did Lee attend any type of school?
- (A) She said no in Russian.
- (Q) Did he join any organizations, any groups?
- (A) No.
- (Q) Did anybody, any friends, contact him, any group of people or anybody contact him?
- (A) No.

(Q) Did he ever go out of town on a trip while you were living in Fort Worth?

(A) She said that while they both lived in Fort Worth, he did not leave town but later he found a job in Dallas. He moved to Fort Worth. She remained in Fort Worth temporarily.

(Q) He moved to where?

(A) Mr. Gregory asked, Where did you move to?

At first he moved to Dallas alone, rented an apartment and he worked in Dallas.

(Q) Do you remember the date when he left Fort Worth?

(A) She said she does not remember the date but she believes it was in October last year.

(Q) 1962?

(A) Yes.

(Q) How long did he work in Dallas before you moved to Dallas from Fort Worth?

(A) She said approximately one month.

(Q) What type of work was Lee doing in Dallas?

(A) She said that he was very well satisfied with his job in Dallas and he worked in a printing company but I believe it is a photostat company. They were making photographs for advertisements in newspapers and so forth.

(Q) How long did he hold this job?

(A) She said he worked there until April 1963.

(Q) And then where did he obtain a job?

(A) When he quit the job in Dallas, Mrs. Oswald said she moved to live with Payne, Mrs. Payne, and Lee went to New Orleans where after one week he found a job.

(Q) Did he find a job in New Orleans?

(A) Yes.

(Q) Did you go to New Orleans?

(A) Yes, she went to New Orleans after about two weeks when he found a job.

(Q) Now, do you remember the date that Lee went to New Orleans?

(A) She said she does not remember the exact date.

(Q) Approximately?

(A) NOTE: Mr. Gregory was probing her of the month, April, May?

She said it was May of this year when her husband went to New Orleans. She corrected herself, she said probably at the end of May.

(Q) Again, what type of work was he doing in New Orleans?

(A) He worked in some coffee company.

(Q) Coffee company?

(A) She said the Louisiana Coffee Company.

(Q) How long did you live in New Orleans?

(A) She said they lived there from May, and she said end of May remember, until the birth of her second child.

(Q) And when was that?

(A) She was born October 20.

- (Q) Then from May until October 20 you were living in New Orleans?
- (A) Lee lost his job in New Orleans in August and they received welfare assistance there.
- (Q) How did Lee get to New Orleans? What type of transportation did he use to get to New Orleans?
- (A) She said that he went to New Orleans on a bus.
- (Q) On a bus? Did he borrow money from someone?
- (A) No, he did not borrow any money. He paid for the ticket himself.
- (Q) How did you get to New Orleans?
- (A) She was taken to New Orleans by Mrs. Payne in her car after Lee telephoned her that he had a job.
- (Q) You mentioned you were living with the Paynes. Where did you live with the Paynes? Did you say you were living in Dallas and then you moved in with the Paynes?
- (A) She lived with Mrs. Payne at West Fifth Street in Irving, Texas.
- (Q) How did Lee come about meeting Mr. Payne. Do you know Payne's first name?
- (A) Michael Payne.
- (Q) Michael Payne - How did Lee meet Michael Payne?
- (A) Michael Payne does not live with his wife but every Wednesday he comes to visit her and the children at her address and Lee was invited to meet him there.
- (Q) Who invited Lee?
- (A) Mrs. Payne mentioned to Lee that he should come to her house and meet him.

(Q) How did Lee meet Mrs. Payne?

(A) Because she said she lived with Mrs. Payne.

(Q) You lived with Mrs. Payne. How did you meet Mrs. Payne?

(A) She said that she and Lee were invited to some gathering to meet Mrs. Payne because of the fact that she studied Russian.

(Q) Who studied Russian?

(A) Mrs. Payne.

(Q) What type of party was this and who invited Lee and yourself?

(A) The person that invited them was George Morenshild (phonetic) and he brought them there in his car.

(Q) How did you first meet George - how do you pronounce that last name?

(A) George Morenshild.

(Q) How did Lee meet George?

(A) She said that she and Lee met George Morenshild through some Russian friends whom they met in Dallas and who formed a rather close circle and she was interested in it because she wanted to meet someone who spoke her native tongue.

(Q) Who were these Russian friends?

(A) Mr. Gregory is one of them.

NOTE: Before mentioning Gregory's name, subject spoke another name which is not understandable and Gregory did not translate.

Agent asked Mr. Gregory: Do you remember introducing them to these people?

Mr. Gregory: To George Morenshild?

Agent asked Mr. Gregory: Do you know Mr. Morenshild?

Mr. Gregory: Yes.

- (A) NOTE: Subject said same name which was not understandable before and still is not.

Anna Miller, George Buffet (phonetic). (Gregory said - another friend of mine.)

- (Q) And who else?

- (A) She said he's a very nice man.

- (Q) OK, then we have Mrs. Payne taking you to New Orleans? Where did you and Lee live in New Orleans?

- (A) They rented an apartment on Magazine Street - 4907 Magazine Street.

- (Q) What were the hours that Lee was working there?

- (A) Lee would leave the house at 8:00 in the morning and finish his job at 5:00 and get home at 5:30 in the afternoon.

- (Q) Did he attend any meetings while in New Orleans?

- (A) She said no, he did not attend any meetings but he did correspond with some Cuban or Cuban organization or some organization that had something to do with Cuban - and she thought that those letters came from New York.

- (Q) Well, did he talk about this organization with anyone there in New Orleans?

- (A) She said to the best of her knowledge she did not know and it is very possible he selected some other time to see some people or discuss it but not to her knowledge.

- (Q) Did you ever attend any meeting with him while you were in New Orleans?

- (A) No.

- (Q) Do you know if he visited any meetings?

- (A) She does not know.

(Q) When did you move from New Orleans?

(A) She says Mrs. Payne came after her in October, approximately one month before her baby was born, and she took her to Irving to live with her.

(Q) What was the lady's name?

(A) Mrs. Payne, Ruth Payne.

(Q) And when was this?

(A) In October this year.

(Q) Did Lee come back with you?

(A) No, he did not come back with her. He remained in New Orleans for another two weeks in hopes that he would find another job, and then he came to Dallas.

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(A) She said two weeks after she left New Orleans. She said she left in October and he stayed two weeks later and she thought that he came back here in November.

(Q) First part of November?

(A) She thinks so, but unfortunately she does not remember dates because she did not know she would be asked questions.

(Q) How did Lee get back from New Orleans?

(A) By bus.

(Q) You said Mrs. Payne brought you back from New Orleans - also she took you to New Orleans - did she stay in New Orleans with you when you stayed in New Orleans?

(A) No, Mrs. Payne did not live with me in New Orleans. She simply took me to New Orleans in May and came back after me in October during her vacation time.

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- (Q) Did you or Lee ask Mrs. Payne to come to New Orleans to pick you up.
- (A) Mr. Gregory: Repeat.
- (Q) Did either Lee or herself ask Mrs. Payne to come to New Orleans to pick her up?
- (A) She said she asked Mrs. Payne to come get her because Lee was out of a job.
- (Q) Did you write to Mrs. Payne or call her on the telephone?
- (A) She said she wrote her a letter.
- (Q) When Lee arrived in Dallas from New Orleans, where did you and Lee live?
- (A) She said she lived with Mrs. Payne while Lee lived in Dallas where he found a job.
- (Q) Do you know where he lived in Dallas?
- (A) She said she does not know the address where he lived in Dallas. He gave her his telephone number so that she could contact him in case she needed him.
- (Q) Were you and Lee getting along all right at this time? Were there any ill feelings between you?
- (A) Yes, they got along beautifully and he called her every day.
- (Q) Where did Lee work when he got this job in Dallas?
- (A) He worked in the School Book Depository in Dallas.
- (Q) How did he come about finding this job?
- (A) She says that they visited their neighbors and the brother of their neighbor, who worked in the Book Depository in Dallas mentioned to him that there was a vacancy.

(Q) Are they the neighbors who live next to Paynes?

(A) Yes, they are the neighbors who live next door to the Paynes.

(Q) Was it a couple who lived next door?

(A) (Condensed) Husband and wife, and another neighbor was visiting this neighbor whose brother was working in the Book Depository.

(Q) What was the neighbor's name?

(A) She does not know. The woman is called "Dorothy."

(Q) Was it her brother or the man's brother?

(A) The brother of the woman whose name is "Lenny" is the man that told Lee about this vacancy.

(Q) Do you know the man's name?

(A) She said she does not know.

(Q) He said he worked at this book store?

(A) Yes.

(Q) When was this, when did Lee first start working at this book store?

(A) He started working there on October 15 of this year, 1963.

(Q) Did he enjoy his job, what type of work was he doing?

(A) She said that his job was to compile the books according to the requirement list for different schools. He did not particularly enjoy it but it was a job that he had to have.

(Q) Do you know the location of this book store?

- (A) She said that at the time Mrs. Payne took her to see her doctor, Mrs. Payne pointed out the building where Lee worked but she is not sure which of the two buildings it was. She thought that Mrs. Payne thought that that was the building where Lee worked.
- (Q) How did Lee get to work? Was Lee still living in Dallas all this time or was he living in Irving?
- (A) He lived in Dallas and he commuted to his job on a bus and he would come to Irving for week-ends.
- (Q) Did he at any time live in Irving while working there in Dallas?
- (A) No, he did not live in Irving but he would come to see his wife in Irving over the week end.
- (Q) Did you maintain your residence at the Payne's residence?
- (A) Yes.
- (Q) Was Lee and Mr. Payne good friends?
- (A) Repeat.
- (Q) Was Lee and Mr. Payne good friends?
- (A) They were polite to each other. She couldn't say they were friends. They did not know each other that well but she has never seen them quarrel but they did hold discussions. Beginning they would only meet each other at the table.
- (Q) At the Payne's house?
- (A) Yes.
- (Q) She said sometime ago that Lee, while living in Russia, was a member of a hunting club.
- (A) While he was a member of this hunting club, he never attended any meetings. He simply had a card that showed his membership. She said Lee enjoyed nature and as a member of the club he was entitled to free transportation in an automobile which enabled him to go out of town.

- (Q) Did he own any type of a gun at this time?
- (A) Yes. Lee and his wife had a hunting gun but she said he never used it.
- (Q) Was it a rifle or a pistol?
- (A) It was a gun, not a pistol.
- (Q) When he came to the United States from Russia, did Lee bring that gun with him or bring any gun with him?
- (A) She said she does not know because Lee is the one who packed their belongings. She said she thinks that when they were crossing the border they checked their luggage but she said they hardly looked at it.
- (Q) She does not know if Lee brought a gun from Russia?
- (A) No, she does not know to her knowledge.
- (Q) Did Lee purchase any type of a gun while living in the United States?
- (A) She says that she knew that there was a rifle in the house. She says that she saw the gun in the house in New Orleans and in Dallas.
- (Q) This gun, was it a rifle or a pistol or just what type of gun? Can she answer that?
- (A) It was a gun.

Mr. Gregory asked: Can you describe it?

NOTE: Subject said: I cannot describe it because a rifle to me like all rifles.

Gregory translation: She said she cannot describe it. It was sort of a dark rifle just like any other common rifle.

- (Q) Ma'am, would you know what a rifle looks like? Do you know the difference between a rifle and a pistol?

NOTE: Subject answered in Russian: Yes, a pistol is a small one.

- (Q) Can you describe this rifle that you saw?

- (A) Mr. Gregory in Russian: Same size as they are showing to you?

Subject: I think so, but,

Gregory translation: She says that a rifle approximately the same length as you are showing her; however, the stock was longer.

Subject in Russian: It was a hump (or elevation) but I never saw through the telescope, but it was the same kind of hump (or elevation).

Gregory translation: She says there was an elevation on the rifle but there was no scope - no telescope.

- (Q) Would you recognize a rifle scope if you saw one?

- (A) Yes. She says that now she knows the difference between a rifle with a scope and one without a scope. She says until she saw the rifle with a scope on TV the other day she did not know that rifles with scopes existed.

- (Q) When did Lee purchase this gun or when did he first come into possession of this gun - this rifle?

- (A) Mr. Gregory to Agent: May I ask you about your question before I ask her? Which rifle are you talking about?

Agent: The one she saw in New Orleans.

Mr. Gregory: Repeat question.

- (Q) When did this rifle first come into possession of Lee?

- (A) She said that she did not ask him when he acquired this rifle. She knew that he had that rifle.
- (Q) Did Lee have this rifle prior to his going to New Orleans?
- (A) She said that when they lived in Dallas the first time before going to New Orleans, she did not see a rifle in the house in Dallas but she saw that rifle in New Orleans and also in Dallas when they came back from New Orleans.
- (Q) Did Lee own a pistol?
- (A) She said she never saw a pistol that Lee owned.
- (Q) Did he ever have any in his possession - not necessarily owned, but in his possession?
- (A) She said that she saw the rifle but she has never seen a pistol on Lee or on his possession or in the house.
- (Q) How did Lee get this rifle?
- (A) Which rifle?
- (Q) The one that he had in New Orleans?
- (A) She said she does not know because she never asked him when he acquired it because she was never interested in the rifle.
- (Q) Did he own another rifle besides the one he had in New Orleans?
- (A) No, she saw only one rifle which always stood in the corner of the room in New Orleans.
- (Q) Did she see that rifle again when she returned to Dallas?
- (A) She said that she saw the rifle wrapped in a blanket in the garage.
- (Q) Where was this at, the garage?
- (A) In Irving.

(Q) Was it at Mr. & Mrs. Payne's residence?

(A) Yes, in the house where Mrs. Payne lived, but Mr. Payne did not live with Mrs. Payne. She said all their belongings, Oswald's belongings, were partly in the garage and partly in the room, and Lee took part of their belongings to his apartment or place where he lived in Dallas.

(Q) Did he take the rifle with him to his apartment in Dallas?

(A) When the police came to the place where she lived in Irving and asked her if they had a rifle, she said yes, it was in the blanket and when they opened the blanket the rifle was not there. The blanket lay in the same position as before but the rifle was not there.

(Q) While the gun was at the Payne's residence in Irving, did you have an occasion to see this gun more than one time or on several occasions?

(A) She looked inside the blanket once and she knew that the rifle was there. Now she does not remember that she looked at it again, whether she unwrapped the blanket again or not. She does not remember whether she did or did not because she was not interested. She simply knew that the rifle was in the blanket.

(Q) Ma'am, you said you looked inside the blanket one time and saw the rifle was there. Now, when did you look into this blanket and see this rifle?

(A) She did not quite answer this question. She made a side remark that she did not unwrap the blanket and that when she saw the rifle she simply turned a corner of the blanket and she saw the barrel of the gun in it. The gun was wrapped in the blanket. She opened the end of the blanket or part of the blanket and saw the barrel of the gun.

(Q) When did you do this? When did you actually last see the gun?

(A) She says she saw that rifle there two or three weeks ago for the last time. She saw that the rifle was wrapped in the blanket two or three weeks ago but she never opened the blanket again and she discovered that the rifle was gone when the police came and unwrapped the blanket.

- (Q) Since that time you actually saw the rifle, had Lee been to your place where you were staying with Mrs. Payne? Let me repeat my question to you. You say that you saw the gun and it was wrapped in a blanket but you actually saw the gun itself. Now, did Lee return back or did Lee come back to Payne's house after you saw the rifle?
- (A) She said yes, he came to see us afterwards on Thursday.
- (Q) Was it last Thursday?
- (A) Yes, he came this last Thursday. Today is Sunday, so he came three days ago.
- Agent: That would be November 21 of this year.
- (Q) How long did he come after he got off work? What time was this?
- (A) She said she looked at her watch, it was 5:20 p.m., in the afternoon.
- (Q) How long did he stay?
- (A) He spent the night like he usually spends week-ends but, of course, that was not the week end.
- (Q) But it was Thursday night, November 21?
- (A) He woke up as the alarm clock went off at twenty minutes to seven but he got up at 7:00, which would be Friday morning, and he went to the kitchen, but she did not get up. He got dressed and left. She did not get up because she was feeding the baby, the new born baby.
- (Q) Did you talk to him before he went to work?
- (A) Yes, as usual, goodbye and so forth.
- (Q) How did he get to work on this particular morning, Thursday morning on the 22nd of November? How did Lee leave Payne's residence to go to work in Dallas?
- (A) She said that she did not see how or what sort of transportation he went to work on because she did not get up.

- (Q) Was Mr. Payne at home on this morning of November 22, Friday morning, was Mr. Payne at home?
- (A) No, he was not there that morning. He generally comes home she says to eat dinner on Friday after work, after 5:00 o'clock, but after work, after 5 o'clock in the evening.
- (Q) Do you know how your husband got to work this Friday morning?
- (A) No, she does not know. She said no, she does not know. She did not hear the sounds of an automobile or anything. Generally the neighbors also go to work about the same time and generally there is noise, starting automobiles and so forth.
- (Q) Did you see any package, did Lee have any package in his hand or was he carrying anything when he left the house?
- (A) She says that she did not see him take any object with him. They do not have any long objects in the house except a bag like the military carry.
- (Q) Duffel bag?
- (A) Yes, but she did not see him carry any.
- (Q) But he had a duffel bag. She did see him carry a duffel bag?
- (A) No she did not.

Subject added in Russian: They are always at home and they were always in the garage.

- (Q) OK, going back to Thursday, after he got to your house at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 21, did he handle a gun? Did he have this rifle? Did you see him with this rifle?
- (A) She said she would recount in order what happened when Lee came home on Thursday evening after work:

He played with the baby. They were outside and the babies were outside and Lee played with the babies and then they walked into the house together and he greeted her. Then she fixed supper - Ruth Payne fixed the supper and while Mrs. Lee was busy with the children.

(Q) What was Lee doing at this time? Did you see him at the garage?

(A) Lee looked at television while the supper was being fixed and she was with the children. Then he helped her to fold diapers after that and then she said after supper he said he was going to bed while she stayed until half past eleven that night while she was attending to her - (subject interrupted) - and when she came to the room they shared, Lee was already asleep.

(Q) Does Lee subscribe to any type of sports magazines in general?

Subject said in Russian: We receive Times magazine, Russian Ogonek, and papers and also receives "Worker".

Mr. Gregory asked: "Daily Worker" - what kind of organization? Is it "Daily Worker?"

Subject said in Russian: No its "Worker."

Mr. Gregory asked: What kind of organization?

NOTE: The conversation here was whether it was Communist "Worker" or not and where it was published. They decided it was published in New York. It is not "Daily Worker" as such newspaper.

(A) Translation of Mr. Gregory: They receive Time magazine, a Russian magazine entitled Ogonek, which means Little Flame, and Russian newspapers and a newspaper called The Worker. Aside of football, he was not interested in sports. She laughed at him because he did not take any interest in sports.

(Q) When was the last time you saw your husband? When he left home for work? Let me rephrase this question. When he left home for work on Friday, November 22, when was the next time that she saw Lee?

(A) She said the next time she saw him was in the police.

Subject in Russian: I did not see him any more until I saw him at the police.

(Q) At Dallas Police?

(A) Yes, Dallas Police.

(Q) Since the time that you and Lee arrived in the United States from Russia, have you been contacted by any Federal agencies?

(A) Mr. Gregory: Repeat your question, sir. You mean government agencies like the FBI and the Secret Service and so forth?

(Q) Yes, has she or Lee ever been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation known as the FBI?

(A) When they lived in Fort Worth after they moved from her brother's, from Lee's brother's into an apartment, FBI came to see them. The first time that FBI contacted them was when they rented an apartment after they moved away from Robert Oswald's in Fort Worth.

(Q) About when was this?

(A) And they were also contacted by FBI in Irving and in Dallas and Irving this time, that means recently. FBI did not contact them in May when she lived in Irving but the FBI examined her the second time when she came back to Irving from New Orleans.

(Q) Let me go back here now and let's go over this again. You said that the FBI checked you and Lee?

(A) In Fort Worth, FBI came to the house, to the apartment where they lived and showed their identification card and asked Lee to come outside and get into machine with them and they were questioning him in the machine and she was in the house.

(Q) When did this take place?

(A) That happened either in July or August 1962.

(Q) Now, what was the address of your apartment at this time in Fort Worth?

(A) She said she cannot remember the exact address, it was across from the Montgomery Ward Department Store.

(Q) Did they talk to you also - FBI?

(A) No, only to Lee.

(Q) Now, this was the first time that the FBI had contacted Lee at Fort Worth?

(A) They talked for quite a long time, probably an hour, maybe more than an hour. The dinner got cold. The FBI came at the time they were eating dinner.

(Q) When you are referring to dinner, is it the middle of the day or evening?

(A) It was in the evening, between 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock.

(Q) But it was not in her presence? Do I understand her right? They took Lee out to a car?

(A) Yes sir, they questioned him in the car and not in her presence.

(Q) Did they drive away with him in the car or did they stay parked in the street in front of the apartment?

(A) There were two FBI men. One came to the house, the other one stayed in the car. The first man came into the house and showed his identification, stayed for a few minutes and asked Lee to come outside. They had their conversations in the car by the curb at the house where they lived.

(Q) Did Lee relate to you what the FBI said to him?

(A) She said that she did ask Lee what they were asking him about and he told her that the FBI asked him whether any subversive agents, presumably from Moscow, came at any time to see him and if so, what they were talking about and that if any of them do come to see him to be sure to inform the FBI and what they want of him.

(Q) What was Lee's reaction to the visit of the FBI?

(A) She noticed that he was visibly affected by this visit.

Agent: Please repeat.

- (A) She said Lee was visibly affected by this visit and was afraid that he might lose his job by this visit.
- (Q) Did he mention anything specific about the FBI or about the visit? What was Lee's opinion of this visit by the FBI?
- (A) She said that Lee sort of laughed and said, "Who in the dickens and what kind of Moscow agent would come out to see me." And then he added, "They must be foolish people."
- (Q) Did the FBI contact you or Lee any more or any other time while you were living at Fort Worth?
- (A) She said that was the only time the FBI contacted them in Fort Worth. They did not contact them when they moved to Dallas where he found a good job and as she previously referred to as that photographic offset; but when Lee suddenly lost that job she thought it was due to the fact that the employer apparently either didn't like that the FBI checked on Lee or something like that.
- (Q) OK, you went to New Orleans from Dallas and did the FBI contact you or Lee while you were living in New Orleans?
- (A) No, the FBI never contacted them in New Orleans.
- (Q) All right, then you returned back to Dallas.

Mr. Gregory corrects: Irving.

- (Q) Right, did the FBI contact you or Lee after you returned back from New Orleans?
- (A) After they returned from New Orleans to Irving, the FBI came by the house. She was not at home, and I presume Lee was not at home; at the end of October, 1963, FBI came by, they were not at home, and FBI was inquiring at neighbors whether Oswalds lived in this particular house.

Mr. Gregory said: Made a mistake.

FBI asked the neighbors who lived in that house where she lived and whether any men were visiting or coming by.

- (Q) Did you say this was the last of October 1963?
- (A) It was at the end of October 1963, because she already had her baby and the baby was born October 20.
- (Q) All right, but the FBI on this occasion did not talk to you or Lee?
- (A) After the first visit to the neighbors, the FBI visited the neighbors, when they inquired who lived at the next house. The FBI came again and (Mr. Gregory rephrased questions to Mrs. Oswald as it was not clear the events of that second visit).

On the second visit, at the end of October, toward the first few days of November, FBI came - one man came from FBI and examined her but since she could not speak English he was examining mostly Mrs. Payne and he wanted to know where Lee Oswald lived in Dallas and the man told them that he had made a previous visit when they were not at home.

- (Q) Did this man, this FBI man, tell you his name? Do you recall his name?
- (A) He left his name and telephone number in case Lee wanted to call him. He also asked where he worked.
- (Q) Did you tell them where Lee was living and where he was working?
- (A) She told them, the FBI agent, where Lee worked but she did not know where he lived.
- (Q) You did tell the FBI agent where Lee was working. Now, at this time where was Lee working?
- (A) He worked at that time in the School Book Depository.
- (Q) You don't recall the FBI agent's name?

- (A) When Lee came home, she told him that the FBI agent visited them and that he left his name and telephone number and she does not remember. When FBI agent left this note with his name and telephone number, he left it with Mrs. Payne. She did not see the slip of paper with the agent's name and telephone number and when Lee came, Mrs. Payne gave it to him and she asked Lee what the name of the agent was and he replied Johnson or Thompson; they are all the same. They all have simple names and that it does not necessarily mean it is their true names.
- (Q) Was this the same FBI agent that contacted you and your husband, Lee, in Fort Worth when you were living in Fort Worth?
- (A) When the FBI visited them when they lived in an apartment in Fort Worth there were two FBI men, one came to the house, the other one stayed in the car. The one that entered the house was not the same one that came to see them in Irving and she did not see the features of the one who remained in the car.
- (Q) Do you recall the name or names of the FBI agents that came to your's and Lee's apartment in Fort Worth?
- (A) She said she really does not know.
- (Q) As I understand it, the last time that the FBI interviewed you was around the first part of November, this year, 1963, when you were staying at the Payne's residence in Irving, Texas?
- (A) At the end of October this year, the FBI agents came but they were not at home, and the second time the agents came was the first part of November of this year. Approximately one week later, one week from the second visit to Mrs. Payne's apartment in Irving, an FBI agent and another man came again but they talked to Mrs. Payne and Mrs..Oswald heard the voices but they were already saying goodbye.
- (Q) How did she know they were FBI agents?
- (A) She recognized the first man as being the FBI agent who previously visited them. She did not know who the second man was. He may have been a friend of his.

- (Q) Lets go back, do you recall the FBI agent's name that came to see you while you were living in Fort Worth?
- (A) She says she does not know the name of agent or agents who visited them in Fort Worth.
- (Q) Getting back to Dallas and Irving, when was the very last time, I think you have been approached by FBI agents three different times?
- (A) She said yes, they came to see them three times. The first time we were not at home. She saw the FBI agents twice after that.
- (Q) Did Mrs. Payne relate to you or tell you why the FBI was there to see her?
- (A) She says that the FBI agents were talking to Mrs. Payne to find out who lived in that house where they were occupants. Also, if Lee Oswald visits them at the house.
- (Q) When did this take place? When did the FBI come to see Mrs. Payne?
- (A) 27th or 28th day of October. At the time Lee saw them for the first time and three days prior to that when they came to see the neighbor, she, Mrs. Oswald, did not see the FBI agents.
- (Q) I believe she mentioned about them coming in November?
- (A) She referred to the three days prior to the 27th or 28th day of October when she was not at home and the first time she saw the FBI agents was on the 27th or 28th day of October and the second time in the early part of November, about one week later in November and the third time (conversation in Russian to establish proper dates when Mrs. Oswald saw the FBI agents).

Mr. Gregory said: Lets review this. The first time the FBI agents came to Irving when she was not at home. The first time the FBI agents came when she was at home was on October 27 or 28th and then again approximately one week later or the early part of November which was the third or fourth of November. She was at home on the second occasion too.

- (Q) What was Lee's feelings about Cuba?
- (A) She said he was in sympathy with Castro Cuba.
- (Q) Did he ever belong to any organization that had any dealings with Castro or Cuba?
- (A) She said that Lee told her that in New York there existed an organization which dealt in spreading the literature, the sympathy literature about Castro Cuba.
- (Q) Did he ever receive any of this literature?
- (A) Yes, he received literature from there. Basically, those were leaflets such as "Long Live Cuba" and so forth.
- (Q) Does she recall the name of the organization?
- (A) No, she said she does not remember. She said that on the envelopes containing this literature she recalls seeing Post Office Box 804, New York.

Subject corrected herself: Instead of Box 804 she said Box 807.

- (Q) Now, that was Post Office Box 807, New York?
- Mr. Gregory said: And that was on the cover of the literature that he was receiving from New York.
- (Q) All right, would you recognize the name of this organization, this Cuban organization, if you were to hear it?
- (A) She said probably so.
- (Q) Has she ever heard of the Cuban Sympathizers Organization?
- (A) Would you repeat the name?

Agent: Cuban Sympathizers Organization.

- (A) No, she has not heard such a name.
- (Q) Has she ever heard of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee?
- (A) She said it sounds like it.

(Q) To what extent was Lee involved in this Committee?

(A) She said that he never made any trips to New York and never made any trips but he did receive the literature from that Committee but since she does not read English she said she does not know anything about it.

(Q) Do you know how Lee first - how did he make contact to receive this literature?

(A) She said that she thinks that he probably wrote or had written to New York about this organization and started to receive this literature and the literature was not addressed to his home address but to a post office box in New Orleans.

(Q) In New Orleans?

(A) Mr. Gregory said: That is where he started getting his literature.

She thinks that Lee made the initial move. In other words, it was his own desire and no one was responsible or made a move for him to join it. He was the one who wanted to make the move to join the organization.

(Q) What is your feelings for Castro and Cuba, not now but then - what was your feelings?

(A) She said that when the Castro revolution took place in Cuba, she lived in the Soviet Union and the news of that revolution was welcomed in the Soviet Union and since she heard nothing but good about Castro and his regime there, she sympathized with it. She said that the same feeling - and that she retains the same feeling to this date.

(Q) This feeling we are talking about - when you had this feeling for Castro, did you think he was a Communist?

Mr. Gregory said: Did you say did you think he was a Communist?

Agent: Let me rephrase this. She said that during this revolution of Castro in Cuba, that she was living in Russia. Now, when she heard about this she said she was for Castro. Did she think that Castro was a Communist?

- (A) The way Mrs. Oswald replied - at first she said she did not know whether he was a Communist or not then she said she thought he was a Communist, but all the reports she had in the Soviet Union were fair because people were happy and so forth.
- (Q) So in her opinion, then she said in her opinion Castro was a Communist or in sympathy, or not in sympathy, well, was a Communist?
- (A) She said probably Communist.
- (Q) And then go back over this last question, that one still even now your feelings are that you are still on Castro's side; in other words, you didn't say that awhile ago but you still have strong feelings for Castro?
- (A) Mr. Gregory said: The answer is very long. The gist of it is that she thinks that Castro is a smart man; that he gave the land - distributed the land and gave work to people so she thought that he was a smart man and that it is good for the country.
- (Q) She is still in sympathy with Castro? Are you still in sympathy with Castro and for everything he stands for?
- (A) She says that all she learned about Castro and Cuba was when she was in the Soviet Union. She said here in America she does not know what is going on there but that she retained her first impression that she had about Castro when she was in the Soviet Union. She says you probably don't like it but she is telling the truth.

Agent: That is what I want her to do, to tell me the truth regardless.

- (A) She says that all her opinions were foreign - while she was in the Soviet Union where she read the reports about the Castro Cuba there and they were all favorable. If she knew differently; if she had different reports about it, she probably would change her opinion. She says that if a person is doing things that are good for the country and the people, she is in favor of it and if they are not good, then she is not in favor of it.

- (Q) Do you know anybody from Cuba or do you know any Cubans from Cuba or Cubans that are living in the United States?
- (A) She said she does not. She said that Lee told her that there were many Cubans who live in America who were against the Cuban regime but she does not know any or she has not seen any Cubans.
- (Q) Did Lee talk to anyone and try to bring about their feelings of sympathy for Castro? Did he try to persuade anybody to be in sympathy with Castro?
- (A) She said that when Lee was engaged in disseminating Castro Cuban literature, he met Cubans in the street who were anti-Castro so there was a conflict and Lee was arrested.
- (Q) Where was this?
- (A) Mr. Gregory said: New Orleans. He was arrested and he spent the night in jail and the next day she paid the fine and he said that he will never do it again.
- (Q) Did he express to you his sympathy for Castro directly? Did he try to persuade you or try to make your feelings stronger for Castro?
- (A) She said Lee never insisted on imparting his views on her.
- (Q) Did you or have you ever heard of a (subject offered opinion of her own;
- She said he did not hesitate to express his views to her but he never tried to convert her.
- (Q) Have you ever known or do you know now of any person by the name of A. J. Mydell?
- (A) She said she heard that name mentioned over the radio when Lee was engaged in a debate of a pro-Castro, anti-Castro talk over the radio during the questions and answers debate by the two sides, anti-Castro and pro-Castro.
- (Q) Was he on the radio?
- (A) She said that Lee's talk was recorded in the studio and she heard it on the radio when he got home. It was a 20 minutes talk.

(Q) She said she heard the name of A. J. Hydell. Does she know what the person of this name was associating with?

(A) She said that she asked Lee about this man, A. J. Hydell, which side he was on and he replied that he was pro-Castro.

(Q) Who? Hydell was pro-Castro?

(A) Mr. Gregory said: yes.

(Q) Did Lee ever use this name for himself or did he ever call himself?

(A) She said she did not know if he ever called himself by that name.

NOTE: Mrs. Oswald asked if this was the end, she was tired.

Agent: We are coming close to the end. We will finish in a few minutes.

(Q) Have you ever heard of Jack Rubenstein?

(A) The only name Rubenstein she knows is the Russian composer and several stores in New Orleans are by that name.

(Q) Have you ever heard of anybody that went by the name of "Ruby?"

(A) No.

(Q) Do you know if Lee has ever been to a tavern in Dallas called the "Vegas Tavern?"

NOTE: At this point, Mr. Gregory explains to Mrs. Oswald what tavern means.

(A) Mrs. Oswald said that Lee never drank anything so she does not know that name.

(Q) Has she ever heard the name of "Carousel Tavern?"

Subject asked where it was located.

Agent: In Dallas.

(A) She said no.

- (C) Did Lee, to your knowledge, know anybody from Chicago, Illinois?
- (A) She does not know if he know anyone from Chicago. As to her knowledge, no letters came from there.
- (Q) Did Mr. Payne and Lee attend any meetings together?

Subject said in Russian: Yes, I remember.

- (A) Mrs. Oswald mentioned one incident, she cannot recall the exact date, when Mr. Payne and Lee, after supper went to some meeting in Dallas but she does not know what kind of meeting it was.
- (Q) All right, lets tell her to try to recollect when they attended this meeting?
- (A) She thinks it was at the beginning of October 1963.
- (Q) Did they attend meetings together more than once?
- (A) She thinks that was the only time when they went to a meeting together because Lee does not have an automobile and since he lacks means of transportation - interruption by Mrs. Oswald.

She just said she thinks that Lee's views and those of Mr. Payne's are not identical and that they are not friends.

- (Q) Tell her this is very important - but try and recollect if Lee ever discussed with you or told you about anything about this meeting they attended in October 1963.
- (A) She said he did mention something but she does not remember. She said it was importance to men and he was elated about what happened at that meeting but she does not remember. She said if you could tell her - if you know the character of that meeting she may remember.

Agent: We do not want to put words in her mouth. We want her to tell us. We do have certain information but we do not want to prompt her in saying something that is not her own words. You might tell her that.

- (n) She is trying to remember and she thinks the orators or speakers at that meeting belonged to some fascist organizations and that Lee was against the fascist organizations but she is not sure that was a fascist organization that sponsored the meeting.
- (Q) Do you think that it was an organization in sympathy with Cuba or Castro? Do you think this meeting was sympathizers of Castro?
- (A) She does not think so.
- (Q) Do you think it was a Communist meeting?
- (A) No, she does not think it was a Communist meeting. She thinks it was a meeting at which they were discussing - there was a conflict of views of different parties in America, that is what I understand she said, that they were dealing with some conflict of various political ideas in the United States. She speaks of some local or city-wide conflict or trouble or whatever it was at that time and that she does not know anything about it.
- (Q) Do you think that Lee was a type of person that would be interested in local politics or city local politics?
- (A) Her answer is this: That since he lives in Dallas it is possible he was. Maybe he was interested in city politics.
- (Q) Could you tell me what Lee's feelings were for President Kennedy?
- (A) She said this is most interesting. She said that this is the truth. Lee never spoke bad about President Kennedy.
- (Q) What about Governor Connolly?
- (A) She said that when they were living in the Soviet Union, Lee wrote a letter to Mr. Connolly asking him for help for him and his family to return to the United States as soon as possible and that he received from him a very courteous letter in which he advised him that he at that time was not yet governor of Texas. She mentioned that at that time on the envelope in which the letter came there was an inscription, "Vote for Connolly."

- (Q) What was his personal feelings for Connolly?
- (A) She said that he never talked to her or expressed his opinions about Connolly. She said that in general, he was secretive, knowing that she as a woman was not too interested.
- (Q) Was Lee the type of person that would not or did not discuss his personal feelings with you?
- (A) It was not his habit to share his views with her but when he met an interesting conversationalist, he would discuss various things with men of that type.
- (Q) Did Lee write to Mr. Connolly when he was Secretary of the Navy in regard to Lee's military dishonorable discharge from the Marines?
- (A) She said that she was of the opinion that he had an honorable discharge.

Mr. Gregory said: Here is the situation the way she tells me about it:

She did not know that he wrote to Connolly about a dishonorable discharge. She thought that he received an honorable discharge and therefore he had nothing to write to Connolly about. So apparently she did not know the contents or nature of the letter. She says that Lee did write the letter - (Subject corrected Gregory in Russian now). She said that now she remembered that he did write to some Minister of the Fleet for re-establishing of something or other, probably the discharge.

- (Q) Did Lee ever write to the President of the United States in the name of President Kennedy?
- (A) She said she didn't think so.

Mr. Gregory: To refresh your memory, in regard to the question - from the Soviet Union or from the United States?

Agent: From anywhere.

(A) She said he did not. She said he wrote to the American Embassy and to Connelly.

(Q) Did Lee ever go to North Dakota?

(A) No.

(Q) In your own opinion, do you think that Lee was responsible for the death of President Kennedy?

(A) She said that in her own opinion, if Lee shot - did any shooting, if he did, he would not have been shooting at President Kennedy. She said I am sure of that. Then she mentioned that from the press she noticed that he shot the policeman because he ran.

(Q) You said that you were positive that Lee was not trying to shoot President Kennedy. Do you feel reasonably sure that he was trying to shoot Governor Connelly?

(A) She is positive that if he did any shooting that he was not shooting at President Kennedy but she is not sure, that if he did any shooting, that he did not shoot at the Governor.

(Q) Do you have any reason to believe that - (Subject interrupts)

She said she does not know what opinion Lee had about the Governor.

Mr. Gregory said: In other words, what she is trying to tell, she knows that Lee had nothing against President Kennedy.

(Q) How did she know?

(A) She said this, that Lee expressed to her that Kennedy was a good President.

(Q) Do you have anything else that you would like to tell us? Do you have anything at all that you would like to tell us before we stop this conversation?

Mr. Gregory is Russian: This is about the end.

- (A) She said that it may seem strange to you that she has favorable impression of Castro and at the same time she has very favorable opinion of Kennedy who she said was a good President and did a lot of good in world politics, and she feels that the loss of President Kennedy is a great loss not for the United States but for the whole world. She said it is difficult to direct the affairs of our country. She is trying to say again that he was a good President.

Mrs. Oswald stated she had more information she wished to tell us:

Mr. Gregory: In short, Mrs. Oswald said that approximately six months ago when her husband was without a job or between jobs which he was losing very frequently, she wrote a letter to the Soviet Embassy in Moscow requesting that permission be granted for her and her husband and her child, and by the way, she was expecting another child, that they be given permission to return to the Soviet Union to reside there. Now that her husband is dead, she does not want to leave this country, she wants to stay here with her children.

- (Q) Did she say when this letter was written?
- (A) She wrote this letter approximately six months ago.
- (Q) OK, does she have anything else to say?
- (A) She thinks that's all. She does not imply that she is against her native land but she wants for the sake of her children and since they have relatives here, she wants to stay here. She has no mother or father.

Due to further information having been telephoned from Washington to Inspector Kelley, we have more questions to be asked Mrs. Oswald. We will continue.

(Q) While you were in New Orleans, did you or Lee talk to or know of a Mr. Leonard Boisman (?) at Tulane University?

(A) No, she did not know him.

(Q) Has she ever heard of that name?

(A) She said this is the first time she ever heard of it.

(Q) Have you ever heard of the organization or committee known as the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives?

(A) Please repeat.

(Q) Do you know of or have you ever heard of the committee, a Committee for Peaceful Alternatives?

(A) She said no.

(Q) Have you ever heard of a Mr. Farry?

(A) She said she never heard of it. She said that perhaps Lee received some letters from New York containing some of these names but she does not know it.

(Q) But as far as she knows, she has not heard of them or does she feel she might have heard of them?

(A) No, she never heard of them.

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Inspector Kelley

Assassination of the President

Regarding your memorandum of November 28, 1963, furnishing copy of tape recording.

The following corrections should be made on original:

1. Page 6 - Answer to fourth question should be co-worker, not coal worker.
2. Throughout the translation "Payne" should be spelled "Paine".

TJK:amr